

“Abolition and the Hunn Family”: Lecture by Robin Krawitz, president of the Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware, on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Dover, Del.’s Old State House

On Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 2 p.m., [The Old State House](#), located at 25 The Green, in Dover, Del., will present “Abolition and the Hunn Family,” a lecture by Robin Krawitz, president of the Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware and director of the historic-preservation graduate program at Delaware State University. The Old State House will also be open for visitation and tours between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-744-5055.



Krawitz’s lecture will explore the abolition movement and the Underground Railroad in Delaware with a spotlight on the Hunn

family, many of whose members participated in anti-slavery activities. In one notable incident, John Hunn of Odessa and Thomas Garrett of Wilmington were put on federal trial at the New Castle Court House in 1848 and convicted of violating the Fugitive Slave Act. Sentenced to stiff financial penalties and stripped of much of their personal wealth, Hunn and Garrett continued in their efforts to aid freedom seekers until the Union victory in the Civil War effectively put an end to slavery in the United States in 1865.

